

A laser printer can be connected to the AS/400 and defined as a system printer. It then emulates an old style printer with the “green bar” paper look. To get the laser look instead of the green bar look, the printer must be given additional information on fonts, lines, graphics, use of bar codes, and updated layout of the printed text.

FormSprint provides an easy method for entering and storing these additional printing instructions and then merging the instructions with existing printer spool files

FormSprint is much more than another forms package that overlays a print file over a previously defined form. FormSprint reformats the input spool file to meet any output requirements, including font changes, relocation of data lines or data columns, and conversion of spool file data to bar codes. FormSprint supports any [HP-compatible laser printer](#).

How FormSprint Works

FormSprint automatically creates virtual print queues with their own virtual drivers. FormSprint provides an easy-to-use entry screen for identifying your name for the virtual print queue, assigning a physical printer for the output, and also setting the job priorities so that FormSprint’s activity is properly balanced with other jobs on the system. All the definitions for job queues, routing entries, job classes, etc. are automatically created by FormSprint. All you do is tell FormSprint what names to use.

Having created the virtual print queues, FormSprint processing can be obtained for any spool file produced by any application by simply redirecting the output to a virtual print queue. No changes are required to the application program

The instructions used by FormSprint to process a file are defined using the FormSprint form definition system. Form definition is done entirely on the AS/400 and does not require uploading and downloading of data to a PC. Simple data entry tables are provided to define the locations of text, lines, shaded area, bar codes, graphics, and photos.

Most form definitions can be completed ready for ongoing production use within a few hours.

What FormSprint Does For You

FormSprint lets you unleash all the power of the laser printers attached to your AS/400. These printers no longer have to simply emulate basic dot matrix printers. With FormSprint they can produce a full spectrum of lines, shading, graphics, bar codes, and even photographs.

FormSprint lets you finally eliminate the hassle of preprinted forms. Every laser installed on your system can produce any form at any time. No more loading special forms. No more accidental printing on the wrong form. No more stock room full of forms. No more wasted forms when form design changes are required

Because FormSprint creates each form as it's needed, it can also produce fully collated sets of different forms, to produce complete customer packets. No more need to sort and assemble packets of multiple forms.

But FormSprint produces more than forms. FormSprint can produce shipping labels with bar codes, [checks](#) complete with bank authorized MICR font coding, fax sheets, memos, awards certificates. If it's printed, it can be printed with FormSprint. And when it's printed with FormSprint it has a professional up-to-date appearance appropriate for growing, up-to-date businesses